

Amendments to the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) kindly amend the specification as follows. Amendments to the specification are made by presenting replacement paragraphs or sections marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended paragraph or section are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, from lines 10-17 with the following paragraph, starting on page 4, line 10:

Tap 1 having protrusions (not shown) thereon is actuated by an actuator 3, which may give tap 1 a turning force. It is noted that the actuating mechanism 3 and tap 1 may be similar to prior art devices for forming female threading. However, the present invention teaches using a tap for forming a gear, such as, for example, a quarter-turn worm gear. Further, the whole structure of the partial-turn blank may reside within a holding member 4. Holding member 4 ~~facilitate~~ facilitates a desired turning action, caused by the actuating force of the tap. Thereby, the partial-turn blank surface can be evenly threaded. There is no actuating force exerted by holding member 4 upon any partial-turn blank.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, from lines 12-19 with the following paragraph, starting on page 5, line 12:

As a special example, the following are more specific steps in relation to the method or flowchart of Fig. 2.

taking two x° turn gear blanks;

placing the same facing one another;

~~taping~~ tapping threads on the turning surfaces thereon;

packing the two x° turn gear blanks; and

drawing the two x° turn gear blanks together and putting thread in until the blanks turn past 90 degrees, whereby no turning surface is engagable by the tap.